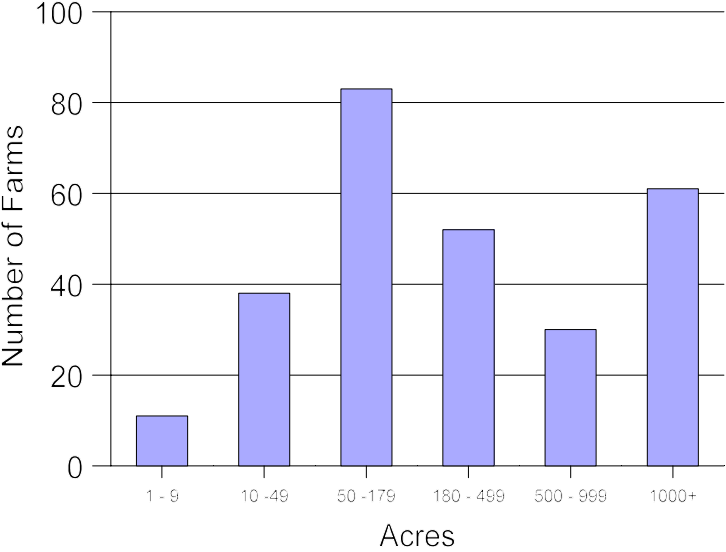
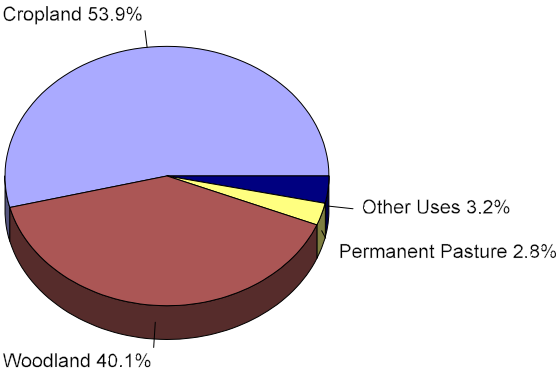


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	190
Other	85
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	255
Female	20
Average age of principal operator (years)	50.9
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	346
Black or African American	43
American Indian or Alaska Native	-
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	-
More than one race	-
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	-

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



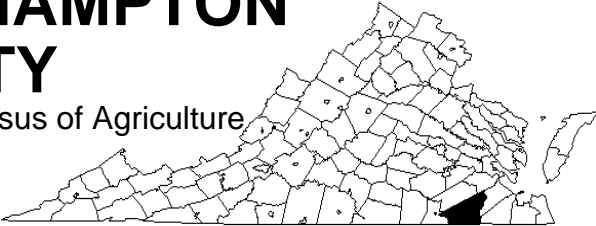
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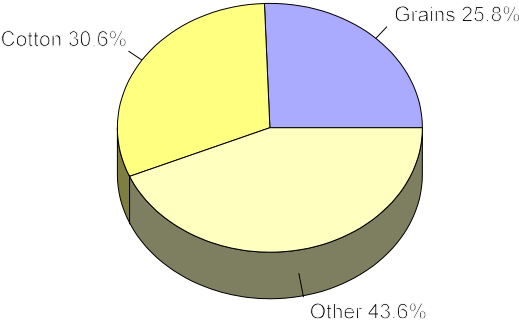
Southampton County lies in the coastal plain on the North Carolina border, and is bound on the west by the Meherrin River and on the east by the Blackwater River. Formed in 1784 from part of Isle of Wight, the county derives its name from Henry Wriothesly, the third Earl of Southampton.

The topography of the county ranges from level to gently rolling, with elevations ranging from near sea level to just 130 feet in altitude. Temperatures average 39 degrees in January and 78 in July, and the frost-free growing season usually extends over a period of 191 days from around April 16 to October 24. Annual precipitation for the area averages 47 inches.

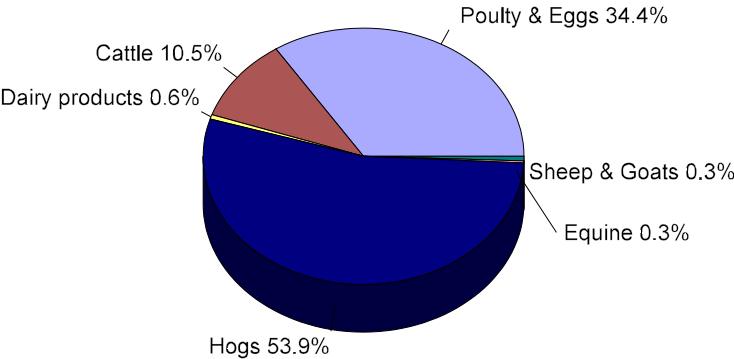
Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	275	303
Land in Farms (acres)	168,709	186,746
Average size of farm	613	616
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$35,002,000	\$55,361,000
Average per farm	\$127,279	\$182,710
Government Payments	\$2,920,000	\$1,279,000

CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	5,662	7	95	1,193	2,871
Tobacco	-	-	43	-	560
Cotton and cottonseed	6,695	1	15	142	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	(D)	(D)	93	(D)	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	7,615	1	97	181	3,046
Poultry and eggs	4,499	13	94	638	2,918
Cattle and calves	1,375	62	97	2,406	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	83	67	83	2,173	2,493
Hogs and pigs	7,052	4	90	390	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	41	31	93	1,413	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	38	73	94	2,492	3,014
Aquaculture	-	-	44	-	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	1	69	87	2,402	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	451,908	12	79	394	2,599
Layers 20 weeks old and older	(D)	11	96	(D)	2,983
Hogs and pigs	43,833	4	87	316	2,926
Cattle and calves	4,639	62	97	2,557	3,059
All Goats	724	18	95	712	2,971
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
All Cotton	31,053	1	17	115	663
Soybeans	21,019	3	79	821	2,076
Peanuts	15,997	1	14	18	398
Corn for grain	10,974	10	96	1,024	2,592
All Wheat for grain	4,158	17	87	999	2,517

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	2,345	259,900	29	87,544	7,206	6,083	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,553	258,705	43	92,606	4,048	5,105	4,142	17,051	128,797
1950	2,174	273,260	66	90,044	6,875	8,146	4,008	19,254	140,682
1954	1,962	276,530	114	89,183	3,042	9,448	7,276	19,726	143,113
1959	1,269	260,793	163	93,421	4,380	9,892	3,793	10,095	136,084
1964	988	226,315	200	79,392	15,565	6,324	6,873	NA	NA
1969	876	202,909	358	74,636	19,959	10,695	5,359	14,892	60,653
1974 4/	617	219,387	526	92,727	4,960	10,440	14,737	NA	NA
1978	572	219,722	915	93,384	9,726	8,690	6,520	8,170	87,221
1982	518	198,508	1,148	101,887	4,881	7,706	7,709	11,728	57,385
1987	407	188,832	1,156	78,483	27,025	6,556	4,703	4,577	63,228
1992	329	178,469	1,182	91,366	9,413	6,408	3,944	5,256	59,450
1997 2/	303	186,746	1,614	90,406	6,024	6,244	7,153	2,718	69,359
2002	275	168,709	1,969	83,449	4,110	3,295	4,790	2,987	64,658

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